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ENERGY/MINERAL BILLS

SB25	Resource Dev. Coordinating Committee Reauthorization	Sen. Dayton	Reauthorizes the Resource Development Coordinating Committee in the Gov.'s Office until July 1, 2025.	2/2: Senate passed. 2/9: House passed.
SB48-S1	Evaluating Federal Land	Sen. Osmond	Substitute #1 provides for a study showing the public education funding on a school district basis if the land was transferred to management by the state. Study report due by 7/1/2016.	3/4: Senate passed. 3/13: Bill died
SB90-S1	Utah Navajo Royalties Amends	Sen. Van Tassell	Creates the Navajo Trust Fund to replace the prior Utah Royalties Holding Fund. Pertains to Aneth Extension land in San Juan County	2/25: Senate passed 3/11: House passed
SB105	Public Lands Act Amendments	Sen. Dabakis	Requires AG to file petition in federal court by 6/30/2016 for determination of ownership of public lands.	2/24: Senate passed. 3/13: Bill died
SB154	Coal Ash Regulation Amendments	Sen. Okerlund	Amends the definition of Solid Waste in the DEQ/S&HW Code with the effect of allowing coal ash to be regulated by the state, vs. EPA.	2/25: Senate passed. 3/4: House passed
SB188	* Oil, Gas, and Mining Amendments	Sen. Van Tassell	Allows BOGM to establish a drilling unit and concurrently authorize more than one well therein, with engineering and geologic justification, and not result in waste. UCA 40-6-6.	2/23: Senate passed. 3/4: House passed
SB189	* Oil and Gas Conservation Account Amendments	Sen. Van Tassell	Amends the \$750K cap on the O&G Conservation Account, to 50% of the FY appropriation, as established in 1999. UCA 40-6-14.5(6).	3/3: Senate passed. 3/13: Bill died (due to funding).
SB216-S3	High Cost Infrastructure Tax Credits	Sen. Okerlund	New tax credit on high-cost infrastructure dev. projects including new and expanded mining and manufacturing, wherein infrastructure cost > 10% or \$10 million. Also includes refinery for Tier 3 gasoline	3/4: Senate passed 3/11: House passed 3/11: Senate concurs
SB224	Incentives for Oil Production	Sen. Van Tassell	Amends the workover tax credit incentive on the severance tax return for Jan 2015 to Dec 2016: 40% credit for eligible workovers and recompletions with a maximum \$750,000 tax credit per well.	2/18: Public Distribution 3/10: Senate Comm. to Rules 3/13: Bill died

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SB267-S1	Sales and Use Tax Exemption Amendments	Sen. Adams	Amends the sales tax exemption regarding the 3-year economic life on items including certain mining materials. Substitute #1 sets an effective date of 7/1/17 and a two-year phase-in thereafter.	3/9: Senate subst. & passed 3/12: Bill died
SB280	Utah Energy Act Amends	Sen. Hinkins	Clarifies the duties of the Gov's Energy Advisor, and allows the Gov's Energy Advisor to serve as the Director of OED.	3/9: Senate passed 3/12: House passed
SCR003	Concurrent Resolution Urging Congress to Support the Implementation of the State's Sage Grouse Conservation Plan	Sen. Van Tassell	Urges Congress to provide no funding to the Secretary of the Interior to consider, prepare, write, or issue a petition finding or proposed regulation for greater sage-grouse management through FY2025; resolves that the state implement its sage-grouse conservation plan; urges Congress to enact legislation recognizing state primacy in the long-term mgmt of sage-grouse and its habitat.	2/23: Senate passed. 3/4: House passed
SCR10-S1	Concurrent Res. regarding the Utah Public Lands Initiative	Sen. Hinkins	Support for Public Lands Initiative and locally driven land use planning.	3/9: Senate passed 3/10: House subst. & passed 3/11: Senate concurs
HB31-S1	Natural Gas Amendments	Rep. Handy	Primarily amends Division of PU in UCA 54 to increase fines upon intra-state natural gas pipelines pertaining to utilities, thereby allowing continued state primacy vs. federal takeover of program.	1/27: House passed. 2/5: Senate passed.
HB132	Interstate Compact Transfer of Public Lands Amendments	Rep. Stratton	Adds financing provisions for the subject compact.	2/11: House passed. 2/20: Senate passed.
HB149-S1	Utah Research Institute for Mine Safety & Productivity	Rep. Wheatley	Designates the Univ. of Utah Center for Mining Safety and Health Excellence as the Utah Research Institute for Mine Safety and Productivity. Substitute #1 removes 15-person quarterly safety roundtable including DOGM.	2/17: House passed. 2/26: Senate passed
HB393	Energy Zones Amendments	Rep. Noel	Adds the San Juan County Energy Zone to UCA 63J-8 and requests the BLM and Forest Service to fully cooperate and coordinate with the state and the county to develop the energy resources.	3/2: House passed 3/10: Senate passed

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HJR26	Joint Resolution - Potential Interim Study Items	Rep. Dunnigan	Provides potential interim study topics for 2015, including incentives for oil production and severance tax revisions.	3/12: House amend passed 3/12: Senate amend passed 3/12: House concurs
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ADMINISTRATIVE BILLS

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SB 2	New FY Supplemental Appropriations	Sen. Hillyard	Provides added funding to state agencies for FY16, including O&G conservation fee funds to DOGM for a petroleum engineer.	3/9: Senate passed 3/10: House passed
SB 3	Appropriations Adjustments	Sen. Hillyard	Makes final appropriation adjustments by the Legislature, although none apply to DOGM this year.	3/12: Senate amend passed 3/12: House passed
SB 5-S1	NRAE Base Budget	Sen. Hinkins	Appropriates base budget funding for FY2016. DOGM base budget includes 3% swap of general funds for conservation fee funds.	2/9: Senate passed 2/10: House passed
SB 8	State Agency Fees and ISF Rate Authorization	Sen. Stevenson, J	Appropriates state agency fees and Internal Service Fund rates, for FY2016.	3/9: Senate passed 3/10: House passed
SB11	Utah Retirement System Revisions	Sen. Weiler	Amendments to Tier II retirement plan, which was effective 7/1/2011. No significant policy changes, per URS.	1/27: Senate passed. 2/18: House passed.
SB91	Post-retirement Employment Amendments	Sen. Hillyard	Amends restrictions for post retirement employment pertaining to contract work of < 60 working days within a calendar year and prior part-time work at another agency of at least 3 years.	2/9: Sen. Comm. to Sen. Rules. 3/13 Bill died
SB122-S1	State Surplus Property Amendments	Sen. Weiler	Defines and modifies provisions related to state surplus of minimal value i.e. computers, smart phone, etc., and contracting for surplus.	3/3: Senate passed 3/11: House passed
SB157-S3	GRAMA Amendments	Sen. Bramble	Modifies the process for appealing the denial of a record request, and edits the timeline for appeal to the records committee.	3/4: Senate passed 3/12: House amend passed 3/12: Senate concurs

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SB159	Background Checks for State Accountants	Sen. Henderson	Permits Division of Finance to require background checks or credit history of a public employee in a public funds position in agencies.	2/20: Senate passed 3/4: House amend/passed 3/5: Senate concurs
SB176-S2	Governmental Immunity Act Amends	Sen. Bramble	Restructures the government immunity law but the provisions pertaining to permitting, inspection and abandoned mines not affected.	3/4: Senate Passed 3/11: House passed
SB247	State Employees' Annual Leave Trust Fund Amends	Sen. Henderson	Allows current termination pool monies to be transferred into the subject Fund. Also requires minimum fund balance by Finance at 10% of the total employee annual leave liability (if all left at once).	3/6: Senate passed 3/12: House passed
HB 3	Current FY Supplemental Appropriations	Rep. Sanpei	Provides supplemental funding to agencies for FY15. Only impact to DOGM is the granting of non-lapsing authority = \$400,000.	3/9: House passed 3/10: Senate passed
HB8	State Agency and Higher Ed Compensation Approp.	Rep. Sanpei	Appropriates employee compensation for FY2016 = 2.25% general salary increase plus .75% for targeted market comparability.	3/9: House passed 3/10: Senate passed
HB12	Utah Retirement System Amendments	Rep. Powell	Annual technical amendments bill from URS on primary retirement systems. No fiscal impact to changes, per URS.	1/27: House passed. 2/12: Senate amend / passed 2/13: House concurs
HB37-S1	Reauthorization of Administrative Rules	Rep. Oda	Makes technical amendments to the rules review committee and reauthorizes all state agency administrative rules.	2/10: House passed 3/11: Senate passed
HB38	Supplemental Savings Plan Amendments	Rep. Cunningham	Expands the type of employee qualifying account for employer matching funds beyond the current 401K account.	2/6: House passed. 2/19: Senate passed.
HB73-S2	Nepotism Amends	Rep. Cutler	Amends definition of "relative" to include grandparents and grandchildren, and stepchildren.	2/19: House passed 2/26: Senate amend/passed 2/26: House concurs.

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HB77-S2	Post Retirement Employment	Rep. Cunningham	Substitute #2 creates the Postretirement Employment Task Force.	2/23: House passed 3/13: Bill died
HB148-S1	State Employee Health Clinic	Rep. Barlow	Establish a primary care clinic for state employees and their dependents within a state building, designed to increase health of employees.	2/25: House subst. and passed 3/11: Senate passed
HB216-S2	Workplace Abusive Conduct Amendments to Promote Healthy Workplace	Rep. Stratton	Authorizes rulemaking and training for abusive conduct of employees, effective 7/1/2015.	3/3: House passed 3/12: Senate passed
HB239	Human Res. Management Market Research Amends	Rep. Hutchings	Modifies market comparability adjustment definition and related processes.	3/3: House passed 3/11: Senate passed
HB242	State and Local Govt Employee Policies	Rep. Miller, J.	Accommodation of public employees who are breastfeeding: supportive policies, privacy room, and reasonable breaks.	2/27: House amend passed. 3/11: Senate passed
HB255	State Employee Health Plan Amends	Rep. Thurston	Requires PEHP to allow one free office visit per plan year, and provides for spreading of costs to other visits.	2/27: House Comm. held 3/13: Bill died
HB291-S3	Procurement Changes	Rep. Stratton	Substitute #2: Distinguishes between competitive grants and direct noncompetitive grants, and the Procurement Code not apply to latter.	3/9: House passed 3/11: Senate passed
HB312-S1	Reporting of Expenditure of Public Funds Amends	Rep. DiCaro	Requires Governor's budget to include agency report to GOMB detailing the expenditure of state money, or the intended expenditure of monies that has not been spent. Also creates reporting duties related to pass-thru funding distributed by state agencies.	3/5: House passed 3/12: Senate passed
HB316	Parental Leave for State Employees	Rep. Miller, J.	Requires eligible employee parental leave for a birth or adoption, separate from sick leave or annual leave.	2/20: House Comm. Held 3/13: Bill died

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HB326	Federal Funds Comm. Extension	Rep. Ivory	Extends the main duties of the FFC for 5 years.	3/2: House passed 3/11: Senate passed
HB354-S1	State Vehicle Amendments	Rep. Cutler	Requires vehicles managed by State Fleet to display “Official Use Only” and “Contact Number” with report on complaints or compliments to each Agency.	3/9: House Comm. amend and recommend for Interim Study. 3/13: Bill died
HB409-S1	Amendments to Procurement Codes	Rep. Snow	Technical amendments for procurement of an engineer, exemptions from the procurement code, thresholds for small purchases, multiple stage bidding process, and changes in contract price.	3/9: House passed 3/12: Senate amend passed 3/12: House concurs
HJR10	Joint Resolution Regarding PEHP	Rep. Dunnigan	Instructs PEHP to adjust to a single medical deductible and a single maximum out-pocket cost, plus transfer excess PEHP reserves to the state and employees (\$93) based on their relative contrib. by 7/1/15.	2/4: House passed 2/20: Senate passed

Monitored: HB226 by Edwards: Air Quality Revisions (Primacy Program wording re rules different than federal) 2/24 House Passed; 3/11 Senate passed